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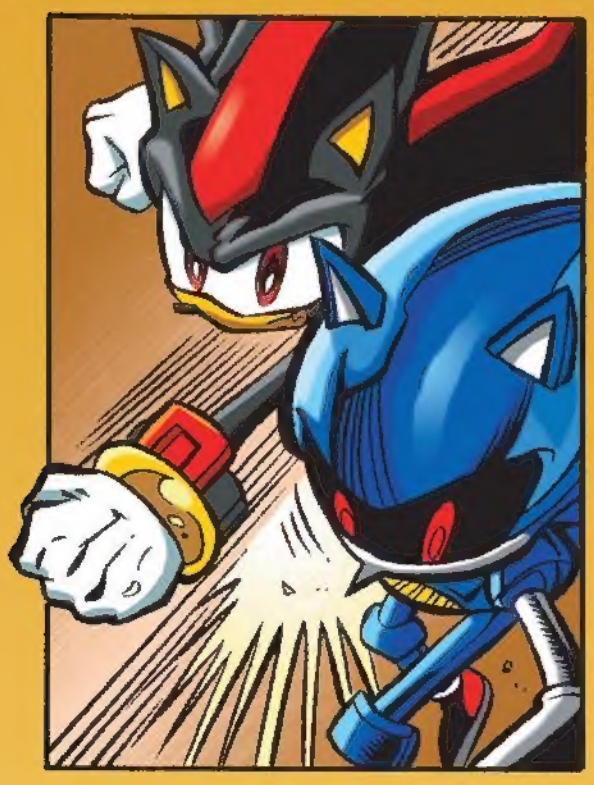
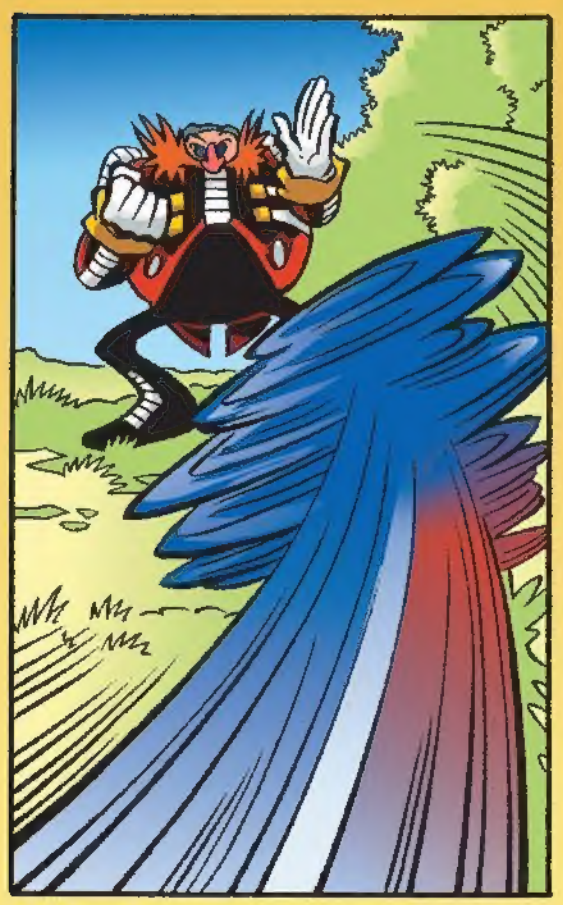
INVESTIGATING THE LABORATORY WHERE HIS CREATOR DR. GERALD WAS ONCE HELD PRISONER, **SHADOW** DISCOVERED **METAL SONIC** DOING LIKEWISE. THE REINTRODUCTION DIDN'T GO WELL...

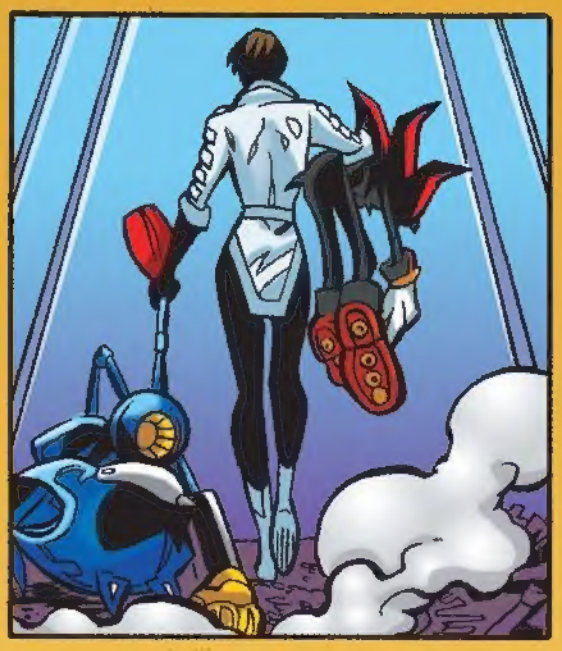


WHEN THE VILLAINOUS **ROBOTNIK** SHOWED UP ON **SONIC'S** DOORSTEP, THE **BLUE BLUR'S** REACTION WAS BOTH **SPONTANEOUS** AND **PREDICTABLE**--

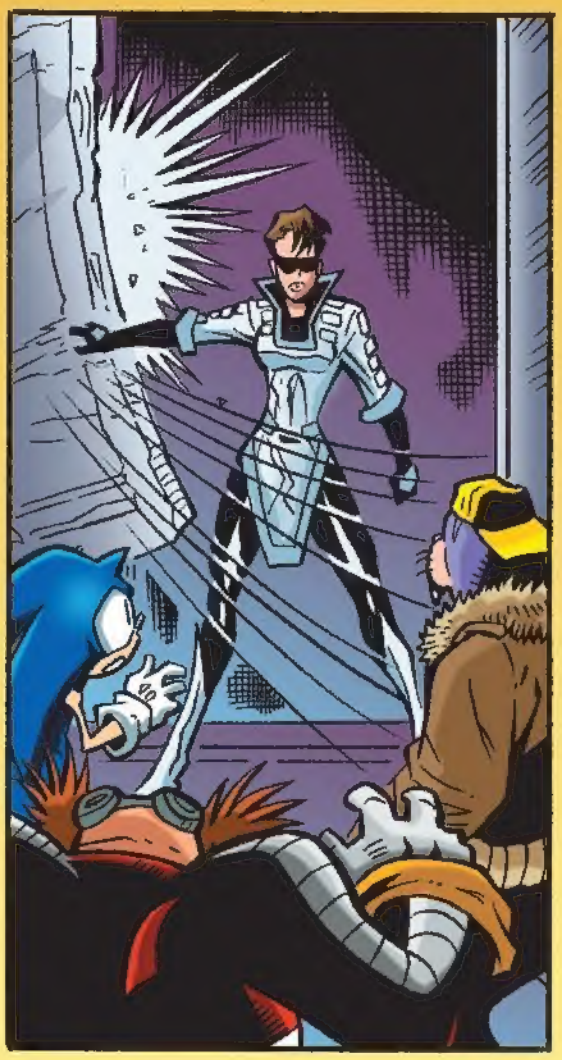


--UNTIL HE LEARNED WHY HIS GREATEST NEMESIS HAD COME TO HIM...

WHEN **METAL SONIC** FOUND HIMSELF ON THE LOSING END, HE FIRED A **HIGH-ENERGY WEAPON** WHICH EXPLODED IN ITS HAND, LEAVING THE COMBATANTS **DAMAGED, UNCONSCIOUS,** AND READY TO BE HAULED AWAY BY **MECHA,** "DAUGHTER" OF DOCTOR GERALD'S DESCENDANT, **DOCTOR ROBOTNIK...**



UPON ARRIVING AT ROBOTNIK'S BASE OF OPERATIONS, SONIC AND COMPANY FOUND THEMSELVES UNDER ATTACK BY **MECHA**--



MEANWHILE, OVER IN **KNOTHOLE,** EVERYONE WAS IN AN UPROAR OVER THE UNEXPECTED ARRIVAL OF THE LAST PERSON THEY COULD IMAGINE WALKING AMONG THEM...

--WHO BLOCKED **ROBOTNIK'S** ESCAPE WHILE AN **ARMY** OF METAL SONICS SURROUNDED HIM, AS SONIC AND ROTOR LAY NEARBY, **UNCONSCIOUS...**

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

SYSTEM RECONFIGURATION

MY MASTER IS NOW IN CONTROL!

...HAS NOW COMMENCED...

YOU MEAN OTHER THAN ME? WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!

A.D.A.M.-- OVERRIDE SYSTEM MECHA!

A.D.A.M.?

A.D.A.M. !!!

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CONFOUND IT! THEIR PROGRAMMING MUST BE SCRAMBLED BY AN OUTSIDE SOURCE!

SEEMS LIKE SNIVELY* HAS GIVEN THE RODENTS THE KEYS TO MY EMPIRE!

*SNIVELY IS ROBOTNIK'S NEPHEW, AND HAS JOINED WITH SONIC IN SONIC #152.

CRUSH-- KILL!

--DESTROY !!!

AS FOR THESE PIRATED KNOCK-OFFS, CONSIDERING I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THEIR CONSTRUCTION--

--I LIKE THEIR SPIRIT--

--THOUGH THEIR TIMING LEAVES A LOT TO BE DESIRED!

JUST ANOTHER SECOND--

--AND VOILÁ!!!

MY PHASE INVERTER SHOULD EVEN THE ODDS!

KRRRP

FATHER, THIS DOES NOT COMPUTE!

MY DATA-BANKS LAST RECORD THAT I WAS WITH METAL SONIC AND SHADOW!*

APPARENTLY YOUR CIRCUITS WERE A BIT JAMMED UP, MECHA!

*AS SEEN LAST ISSUE.

UNFORTUNATELY, THESE SECOND-RATE KNOCK-OFFS OPERATE ON A DIFFERENT FREQUENCY!

I TAKE IT YOU MEAN THESE SUPERIOR DESIGNED METAL SONICS?

YOU CAN SAVE THE CONSUMER REPORT FOR LATER--

--AS OUR IMMEDIATE CONCERN IS SELF-PRESERVATION!

STILL, IT ALL MAY NOT BE A TOTAL LOSS!

YOUR MISSION HAS OBVIOUSLY YIELDED UNEXPECTED DIVIDENDS.

YOU MEAN SHADOW?

WELL, CERTAINLY *NOT* THAT BUSTED-UP PIECE OF *WRECKAGE* THAT'S LYING NEXT TO HIM!

NOW GET US *OUT* OF HERE, MECHA--

"--AS A.D.A.M. IS *NOT* RESPONDING TO MY SIGNALS!"

YOU KNOW, THERE ARE DAYS--

--WHEN IT JUST *DOESN'T* PAY TO GET OUT OF BED!

LIKE-- WHAT WAS I *THINKING* IN COMING *HERE?*

WHOA --!!!

METAL SONICS!!! AN ARMY OF 'EM!!!

OL' ROBO-BUTT'S REALLY INTO *OVERKILL,* ISN'T HE?

OH, MY!

I MAY *LIKE* THE *DESIGN*--

--BUT I CAN'T LET YOU GUYS RUN *WILD!*

MY *SENSORS* INDICATE YOU ARE *BIOLOGICAL!*

HOLD, TROOPER SEVEN!

YOU ARE ADDRESSING *MODEL ONE!*

"MODEL ONE"?

YOU HAVE ANY *CLUE* WHAT THAT WALKING PILE OF CIRCUITS IS TALKING ABOUT?

NONE WHATSO-EVER!

THEY'RE *TRASHING* THE PLACE!

SO THEY'RE EITHER *OUT OF CONTROL*--

--OR ROBO-BUTT ISN'T THEIR *CREATOR!*

WHO COULD *POSSIBLY* BUILD THEM IF NOT *ROBOTNIK*?

LIKE THAT'S A *LONG* LIST!

THAT'S JUST IT!

NONE OF THE *USUAL SUSPECTS* I COME UP WITH MAKES ANY SENSE!

LET'S *VAMOOSE* AND FIGURE THINGS OUT AT KNOTHOLE!

SOUNDS LIKE A *PLAN!*

SHALL WE GIVE CHASE?

NEGATIVE!

MY SENSORS DETECT NEITHER OUR **OBJECTIVE** NOR HIS **CREATIONS** WITHIN THE **POD!**

THEREFORE, WE WILL PROCEED AS OUTLINED IN OUR **MISSION PARAMETERS--**

"--TO SEEK THE BIOLOGICAL ENTITY KNOWN AS IVO ROBOTNIK--

"--ALONG WITH ANY AND ALL OPERATIVES AND INSTALLATIONS--

BAAAAK!

"--AND ELIMINATE WITH EXTREME PREJUDICE--

"--AS ORDERED BY ROYAL DECREE..."

--THREE--TWO--ONE--FILES ARE NOW *DOWLOADED*, FATHER--

--AND READY FOR YOU TO *ACCESS* THEM!

EXCELLENT, MECHA!

IT'S ABOUT TIME SOMETHING WENT *RIGHT* FOR A CHANGE!

WELL, NOW... ISN'T *THIS* INTERESTING!

ISN'T *WHAT* INTERESTING?

TELL YOUR *AGENT* TO STAND DOWN, EGGMAN!

MECHA! THIS IS *NO* WAY TO TREAT *FAMILY!*

"FAMILY," FATHER?

I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

NOR DO I!

I FIND IT *AMAZING* THAT, AS A *SENTIENT* BEING, YOU FAIL TO SEE THE *FAMILY RESEMBLANCE!*

WE ARE *NOTHING ALIKE!*

NOT "*US*," YOU CRETIN!

I'M TALKING ABOUT MY *GRANDFATHER*--

--*YOUR CREATOR!*

P-PROFESSOR GERALD?!

YOU'RE QUITE THE *HONORS STUDENT*, AREN'T YOU?

BUT... EVERYONE I *KNEW* IS *GONE!*

THAT *DEPENDS* ON ONE'S *PERSPECTIVE!*

THE STATION SQUARE *MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL-ENTERTAINMENT COMPLEX* MAY HAVE SHUT DOWN THE PROFESSOR--

--AND TRAGICALLY CUT DOWN MY *HALF-SISTER* IN THE PRIME OF HER LIFE--

YOUR --?

OF COURSE, I WAS ONLY AN *INFANT* AT THE TIME!

BUT YOU WEREN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO *SUFFERED* SUCH A *LOSS.*

YOU AND I APPEAR TO SHARE *COMMON ENEMIES!*

SO WHAT DO YOU SAY WE FIGHT THE COMMON FOE *TOGETHER,* INSTEAD OF FIGHTING EACH OTHER? AND MAYBE--

--MAYBE WE CAN FIND CLOSURE!

THAT WOULD BE *AGREEABLE*--

--BUT WHERE DO WE *START?*

"HOW ABOUT LEARNING WHO CREATED THOSE METAL SONICS--AND WHY?"

SIR CHARLES? I WAS TOLD YOU NEEDED TO SEE ME!

WHAT THE DEVIL COULD BE SO IMPORTANT DOWN HERE?

SIR CHARLES!!!

MY WORST FEARS REALIZED--

--AND KING ELIAS HAS NO IDEA WHAT HE'S STUMBLED ONTO!

SIR CHARLES!

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING IN THE SEALED-OFF PORTION OF THE CASTLE?

WHAT DO I SAY?

THE TRUTH THAT WOULD HORRIFY HIM--

--OR A LIE TO COVER THIS UP?

I ...AH... A--

A SPECIAL PROJECT CONCEIVED BEFORE YOU CAME TO POWER APPARENTLY HAS BEEN ACTIVATED--

--AND MAY BE OUT OF CONTROL!

AND THE NATURE OF THIS PROJECT--?

I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THIS PLACE WAS DOWN HERE!

SONIC AND ROTOR! IS *EITHER* ONE OF YOU INVOLVED WITH *SIR CHARLES'S PROJECT?*

UHH--THIS IS MY *FIRST* TIME TO THE *DUNGEON!*

THIS WAS STARTED BY YOUR FATHER AND I. ITS TIME YOU AND SONIC ARE BROUGHT UP TO SPEED.

SONIC AND ROTOR ARE HERE BECAUSE I SENT FOR THEM, AS THIS CONCERNS *KINGDOM SECURITY!*

THE KINGDOM...

...STANDS *THREATENED?* FROM WHOM?

"A *BETTER* QUESTION WOULD BE FROM *WHAT?*' WHEN THE KINGDOM'S *GREATEST* WARRIOR HAD *VANISHED* WITHOUT A TRACE,* THE CONSENSUS WAS THAT IT WOULD REQUIRE A *SPECIAL DEFENSE FORCE* TO *REPLACE* HIM--

--AND SO, ONE WAS *BUILT*, FASHIONED IN HIS *IMAGE*..." AS AN EXTRA DETERRENT--

WON'T ANYONE BE *CONFUSED* BETWEEN *OUR* VERSION AND *ROBOTNIK'S?*

HARDLY! OURS WILL BE *BETTER*-- MORE *STREAMLINED!*

*AS SEEN IN SONIC #125.

"--BUT UPON SONIC'S *RETURN*, THE PROJECT WAS DEEMED UNNECESSARY AND EVENTUALLY *ABANDONED.*"

THIS IS ONE *GENIE* I'M GLAD WE DIDN'T LET OUT OF THE BOTTLE!

SHUTDOWN IN PROGRESS

IF YOU *SECURED* THE DEFENSE FORCE, THEN *WHERE* IS IT?

A GOOD QUESTION--

ANTICIPATING THE *AWESOME* POWER WE WOULD BE *UNLEASHING*, SEVERAL *FAIL-SAFES* WERE INSTALLED AS A PRECAUTION!

THE LATEST IN *FIBER-OPTIC* TECHNOLOGY WAS UTILIZED TO ALLOW FOR *TRACKING* AND *VISUAL* MONITORING--

--AND IN THE EVENT OF A *LOSS* OF CONTROL--

--THE *MEANS* TO *ABORT* THEIR OPERATION!

OH, DEAR! THEY'RE NOT RECEIVING THE SIGNAL!

A *SWARM* OF METAL SONICS AND NOT A ONE UNDER *MY* CONTROL!

HOW IS THAT *POSSIBLE?*

IS SOMEONE MESSING WITH THE *TRANSMISSION?*

I *RECOGNIZE* THAT STRUCTURE!

HOPE DWELLS THERE!

NOT FOR MUCH LONGER!

IN FACT, I RATE ANYONE'S CHANCES OF EVEN *SURVIV-ING* THAT ONSLAUGHT AS--

--*SLIM* TO *NONE!*

YOU MAY BE UNABLE TO ACT--

--BUT I CAN!

AS LONG AS HOPE *LIVES*--

"--HOPE WILL ENDURE!"

GOTTA JUICE TO THE MAX!

NOT AGAIN! NOT THIS TIME!

THOUGH I FAILED TO SAVE MARIA,* I WON'T REPEAT THAT MISTAKE WITH HOPE!

*SEE SONIC #98 AND #145.

NOT THIS TIME!

THWUUUM

THWWAM

HOW DID I DO THAT?

OOF!

BHAM!

KRASH

KRA

KRASHH

SO WHY DIDN'T THE FORCE SHIELD HAPPEN A SECOND TIME?

WAS IT A ONE-SHOT DEAL?

COULD'VE SWORN I JUST SAW SHAD GO INSIDE ROSIE'S!

NO TIME TO SORT IT ALL OUT NOW! I'LL DEAL WITH IT LATER!

YOU TWO DEAL WITH THIS ONE--

--WHILE WE CONTINUE TO EXECUTE THE PRIME DIRECTIVE!

HI, GUYS!

HOW ABOUT WE SWAP A SPIN MOVE OR TWO AND CALL IT A DAY?

DIDN'T THINK YOU WOULD!

GLAHNG

BOOONG!

"I'VE GOTTA FIND MY UNC A HOBBY TO KEEP HIM OUTSIDE HIS LAB."

WHAT KIND OF *PARENTS* ARE *WE*, JULES--

--LETTING OUR SON GO OFF WITH THAT *HORRIBLE* MAN?!

I'VE BEEN ASKING MYSELF THAT, HON--

--BUT THE *REALITY* IS... OUR SON HAS HAD *MORE EXPERIENCE* IN DEALING WITH *ROBOTNIK* THAN WE HAVE!

SONIC HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN SAVING US FROM THAT *TYRANT!*

IT'S *DIFFERENT* NOW! HE HAS *US* AGAIN!

AND AS HIS PARENTS, IT'S *OUR* JOB TO *PROTECT* HIM!

AGREED! BUT-- HE'S NOT THE *TODDLER* WE LEFT WITH CHARLES YEARS AGO!

OUR SON HAS *GROWN* UP, AND WE--

THE KNOTHOLE *EMERGENCY WARNING SYSTEM!*

I *KNEW* IT! *SONIC'S* IN *TROUBLE!*

WOOOO

WOOOOOOOOO

SHADES OF THE GREAT WAR !!!

GET OUT OF THE WAY!!!

ZHOOM

C'MON, KIDS! LET'S GET YOU TO SAFETY!

THERE'RE *OTHERS* WHO NEED US *RIGHT NOW!*

"WE'LL HEAD TO THE PALACE!"

GATHER EVERYONE INTO THE *GREAT HALL*, SALLY!

--SHOULD KNOTHOLE *FALL!*

FALL?!!!

PREPARE TO *LEAD* THEM TO THE SOUTH-LANDS--

AFTER ALL WE'VE *STRUGGLED* THROUGH OVER THE YEARS---

"I FEAR THE ENEMY THIS TIME IS FAR GREATER THAN ANY WE HAVE YET FACED."

STAY DOWN, CHILD!

SONIC WILL SAVE US!

THE BIG QUESTION IS--

KRANG

--WHO'LL SAVE ME?!

THESE GUYS PLAY FOR KEEPS!

KLONG

ONE THING MY UNC DIDN'T PROGRAM INTO YOU 'BOTS--

--IS HOW TO BE WAY PAST COOL!

WHAAM

HOPE!

KRAHKTSH!

IF THAT GIRL DIES, SONIC--

--THEN SO WILL YOU!

...CONCLUDED IN SONIC #159! ON SALE 2/22/06! PLUS, READ THE NEW SONIC COMIC, SONIC X #6 ON SALE 3/15/06!

BECAUSE HUGH DEMANDED IT!!!*

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN OFF-PANEL

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YO, MP! WHAT'S UP WITH THE CLOAK AND DAGGER SCENARIO? WHY'D YOU HAVE ME MEET YOU IN THIS REMOTE, DARK ALLEY?

BECAUSE I-- AHEM! YOU HEARD HIM...THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A DARK ALLEY!

*HUGH IS THE GUY WHO REPAIRS OUR COPY MACHINE...BUT WE THOUGHT YOU'D ALSO LIKE TO SEE ANOTHER OFF-PANEL STORY!--MP

C'MON, ALREADY! CAN I GET A LITTLE CO-OPERATION FROM THE LIGHTING BOOTH? HELLO UP THERE!

Snap-Snap-Snap!

=CHORTLE= THAT'S JUST THE FIRST OF YOUR DIRTY LITTLE SECRETS I PLAN TO SHINE A LIGHT ON!

HUH?.. WHO?.. OVER THERE!

COME BACK HERE!

SONIC --WAIT! STOP!!!

YIKES!

K-K-RRRRMBLE-

SCREEEEEEEEEEECH!

SCRETCH!

Oooogah! ÷gurgle÷ ...uh-unscripted... ÷mumble÷ ...where's m-muh d-duh-double?...

SHHHH! DON'T TRY TO---÷GASP!÷ --WHO ARE YOU?!

I AM BLACKSTAGE! AN INDUSTRY INSIDER WITH ACCESS TO TOP-SECRET, BEHIND-THE-SCENES SONIC FOOTAGE! I'VE COMPILED THEM ON THIS BLOOPER REEL AND WILL NOW SHOW THEM TO YOUR READERS!

÷ULP!÷ YOU WOULDN'T-- YOU'LL DESTROY OUR CREDIBILITY!

SONIC--GET UP! TAKE HIM OUT BEFORE THE OUT-TAKES DEBUT!

÷SPUTTER!÷ DAY-WHO?

TOO LATE! I NOW STRIP AWAY THIS TITLE'S RESPECTABILITY BY EXPOSING YEARS OF MANIPULATION AND DECEPTION! SOON, ALL YOUR READERS WILL DESERT YOU! HA HA HAAAAAA!

BLUE BLUR BLOOPERS

SEE, WE "CHROMA-KEY" OUT YOUR IMAGE SO ONLY YOUR HAND IS SEEN...LIKE WEATHER MAPS ON THE NEWS...

SKIP THE TECH TALK AND HURRY UP--I'M SUFFO-CATING IN HERE!

IN ISSUE # 50, PAGE 22, PANEL 1--DID YOU **REALLY** THINK SONIC WAS FREEING HIMSELF FROM THE ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR? TSK-TSK!

MY, MY! AREN'T WE GROUCHY TODAY!

÷GRUMBLE÷ MY AGENT'S GONNA HEAR ABOUT THIS!...

DID YOU KNOW THAT KING ACORN HAD TO UNDERGO **SIX HOURS** OF MAKEUP FOR HIS "CRYSTALLIZED" APPEARANCES, LIKE THE ONE IN "RETURN OF THE KING" IN SSS#4?

YO! WHAT TIME'S LUNCH?

KEEP YOUR MIND ON YOUR WORK, BRUCE!

ZZRR-PASSHT

AND DON'T GET ME STARTED ABOUT **STUNT DOUBLES!** HERE'S ONE FROM "NAUGUS GAMES" IN SSS#15. GO THROUGH YOUR COLLECTION!--THEY'RE EVERYWHERE!

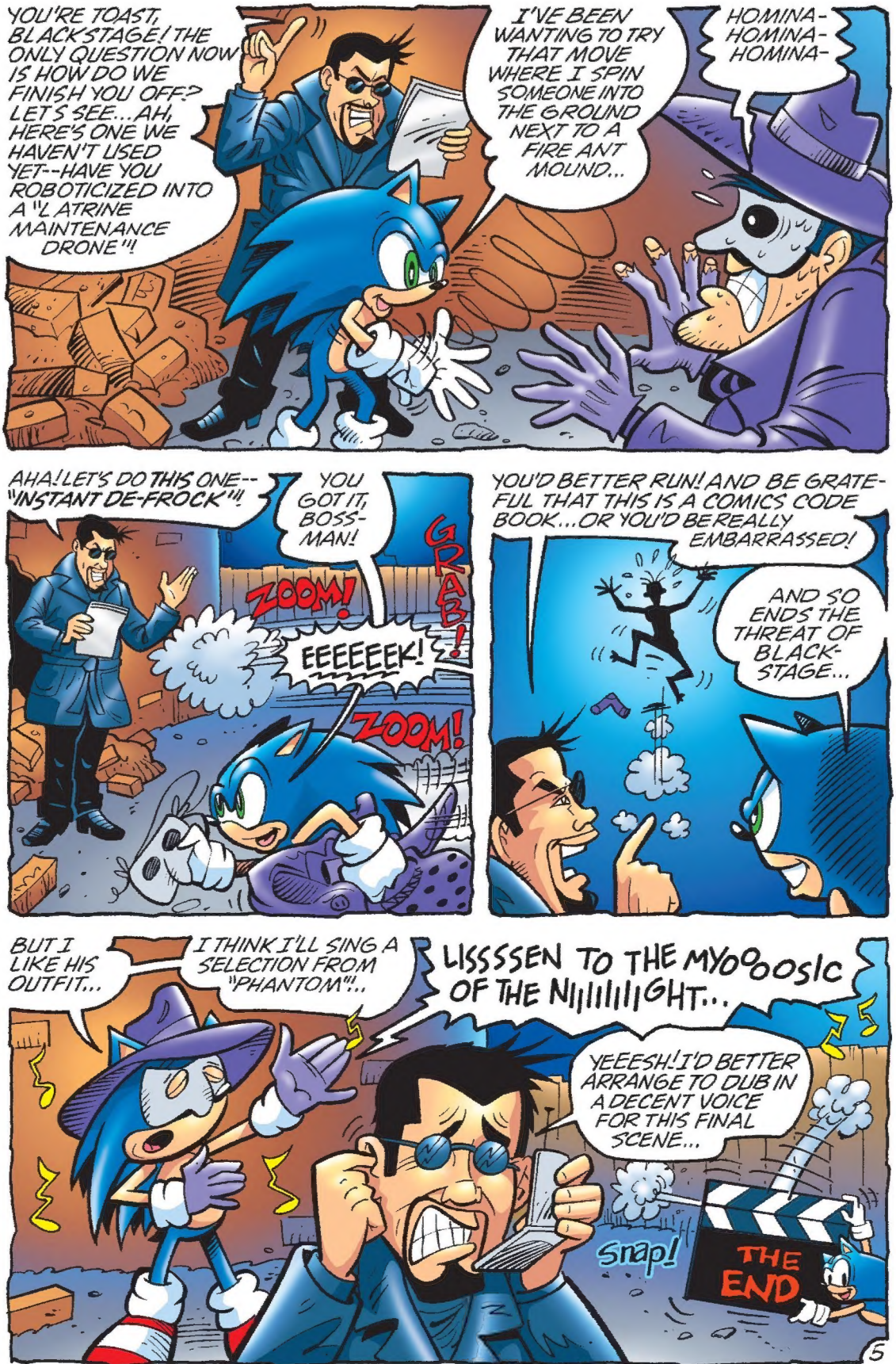
IT'S AN OLD TRICK--YOU STAY STILL AND THE CAMERA GOES UPSIDE-DOWN, CREATING THE ILLUSION OF YOU FLIPPING!

COOL!

IT'S BEEN LIKE THIS FROM THE BEGINNING OF THIS BOOK...ALL THE WAY BACK TO "RABBOT DEPLOYMENT" IN STH #3!

REPRINTED IN **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG FIRSTS!** BACK ISSUES AVAILABLE!--MP (SORRY. JUST CAN'T PASS UP ONE OF MY FAMOUS "SHAMELESS PLUGS")

HEY, BUG OFF!
JERK!
HA! YOUR MASQUERADE IS OVER! AT LAST, THE PUBLIC SEES **YOU** FOR THE FOUR-COLOR PHONIES THAT YOU ARE! THIS COMIC BOOK IS DOOMED!
WHY, I OUGHTA--
OY! AND THOSE LITTLE MONSTERS THEY CALL **SONIC KIDS!**
÷SOB÷ WE'RE RUINED!
WOO-HOO!!! READERS WILL BE DROPPING THIS TITLE BY THE THOUSANDS! YOUR AUDIENCE DESERTS YOU AS I SPEAK!
HMMM--I DON'T THINK SO, MASK BREATH.
÷SNIFFLE÷ Y-YOU'RE RIGHT, SONIC...
IT LOOKS TO ME LIKE OUR FANS ARE STICKING WITH US... IF ANYTHING, THEY **LIKE** ALL THIS INSIDE INFORMATION!
YEAH--AND I THINK I KNOW WHY...
BECAUSE AUDIENCES THESE DAYS DIG REALITY-BASED ENTERTAINMENT! SURVIVAL SHOWS, CAMERAS IN HOUSES 24/7, GOOFY HOME VIDEOS, DEBUNKED MAGICIANS, INTRUSIVE MEDIA... THEY **LOVE** IT!
AND THEY STILL LOVE **US!**
÷SHUDDER÷ N-NUH-**NO!**... ALL MY PLANNING... ALL THOSE HOURS IN THE EDITING ROOM...


YOU'RE TOAST, BLACKSTAGE! THE ONLY QUESTION NOW IS HOW DO WE FINISH YOU OFF? LET'S SEE...AH, HERE'S ONE WE HAVEN'T USED YET--HAVE YOU ROBOTICIZED INTO A "LATRINE MAINTENANCE DRONE"!
I'VE BEEN WANTING TO TRY THAT MOVE WHERE I SPIN SOMEONE INTO THE GROUND NEXT TO A FIRE ANT MOUND...
HOMINA-HOMINA-HOMINA-
AHA! LET'S DO THIS ONE--"INSTANT DE-FROCK"!
YOU GOT IT, BOSS-MAN!
ZOOM!
GRAB!
EEEEEEK!
ZOOM!
YOU'D BETTER RUN! AND BE GRATEFUL THAT THIS IS A COMICS CODE BOOK...OR YOU'D BE REALLY EMBARRASSED!
AND SO ENDS THE THREAT OF BLACKSTAGE...
BUT I LIKE HIS OUTFIT...
I THINK I'LL SING A SELECTION FROM "PHANTOM"!...
LISSSSEN TO THE MYOOOOSIC OF THE NIIIIIIGHT...
YEEESH! I'D BETTER ARRANGE TO DUB IN A DECENT VOICE FOR THIS FINAL SCENE...
Snap!
THE END

CATCH THE NEXT SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #159 ON SALE 02/22/06
AND SONIC X #6 ON SALE 03/15/06!